

# June 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Chelsea District's Library's easy way to engage in early literacy at home! Reading aloud to your baby or young child is the best way to build foundational skills for lifelong reading and learning. Earn prizes and free books just by reading together with your child! Check out this month's book list and literacy tips to get started.

## Librarian Reads

Celebrate our Summer Reading theme, **Color Our World!**

*Splatter* by Diane Alber

*Aaron Slater*, Illustrator by Andrea Beatty

*Art This Way* by Jason Fulford

*Who Stole the Mona Lisa?* by Ruthie Knapp

*Fancy Nancy at the Museum*  
by Jane O'Connor

*Dragon Dancing* by Carole Lexa Schaefer

*A Garden in My Hands* by Meera Sriram

*The Artist* by Ed Vere

## Rhyme Time

### This is the Way We Paint

*Use your hands and fingers to act out each line.*

This is the way we stir the paint,  
Stir the paint, stir the paint.  
This is the way we stir the paint,  
So early in the morning!

Dip our brush...  
Paint the paper...  
Blow it dry...

## Ready to Read

Create a culture of reading at home and get your child ready to read by building the 5 Practices of Early Literacy into your daily routines. It's easy and fun!

### READ

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and earn reading prizes all summer long! Find the Listener challenge in Beanstack. Log once for both programs!

### WRITE

Try lots of different tools for painting. Does a flower make a good paint brush? How about a fork, a leafy twig, or a crumpled piece of foil?

### SING

Make a road trip playlist with a mix of your child's favorite songs and some of your own from childhood!

### TALK

Clap or tap out the syllables in your child's name and your own name. How about the names of a grandparent, neighbor, friend, or pet?

### PLAY

Make a chalk obstacle course! Ask your child for ideas. Here's some to start: pop the bubbles; balance walk on a curvy vine; spin in the center of a flower; walk in a circle around the sun.

# Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Sounds</b> Go on a sound scavenger hunt! As you walk around the neighborhood, listen for certain sounds, such as birds singing, kids playing, car horns, etc.	<b>2 Writing</b> In the morning, have your child help you write a to-do list for the day.	<b>3 Rhymes</b> Ask your child to tell you words that rhyme with "June."	<b>4 Reading</b> During Audiobook Awareness Month, listen to an audiobook with your child while following along with the printed version.	<b>5 Science</b> Add food coloring to cups of water, then place celery stalks in the cups. Check back tomorrow to see what happens!	<b>6 Play</b> Play a game of musical chairs, but use pillows instead of chairs!	<b>7 Writing</b> To celebrate Best Friends Day tomorrow, have your child draw a picture of her best friend. It can be a person, an animal, or even an imaginary friend!
<b>8 Science</b> On World Ocean Day, find educational and fun activities on <a href="http://worldoceansday.org">worldoceansday.org</a>	<b>9 Math</b> While folding laundry, ask your child to solve simple math problems using socks. (2 socks + 1 sock = How many socks?)	<b>10 Writing</b> On Ball Point Pen Day, show your child how to create Zentangle® art.	<b>11 Math</b> During Candy Month, practice sorting by color or shape using your child's favorite sweet treats.	<b>12 Rhymes</b> Go around the house and find things that rhyme (e.g., a sock and a block). Spread the items out and have your child find the rhyming pairs.	<b>13 Reading</b> Write the ABCs on plastic cups (1 letter on each). Give your child a small ball to kick toward the cups; ask him to say the letter he hits and its sound.	<b>14 Science</b> Make lemonade by placing ½ of a lemon in a zip-top bag. Add ½ cup of water and 1 tsp. of sugar. Close the bag and mix for 30 seconds. Add a straw and enjoy!
<b>15 Science</b> On Nature Photography Day, ask your child to snap pictures of anything she finds interesting outside — colors, textures, animals, and more!	<b>16 Play</b> During Waste & Recycling Workers Week, help your child play trash pickup around the house.	<b>17 Math</b> Make popcorn together. Count the pieces before you eat them.	<b>18 Stories</b> It's Picnic Day! Have your child help you make up a story about an ant exploring a picnic.	<b>19 Songs</b> Introduce your child to Emancipation Day with educational songs like Sesame Street's "Let's Celebrate Juneteenth."	<b>20 Play</b> This summer solstice, head to a park and play in the sandbox together.	<b>21 Songs</b> It's World Music Day! Play a variety of genres for your child and ask her how much she likes each one.
<b>22 Rhymes</b> Ask your child for "rain" rhymes on World Rainforest Day.	<b>23 Math</b> Make insects less scary during Insect Week (June 23-29)! Share some pictures of cool insects and ask your child to count their legs, wings, or other features.	<b>24 Reading</b> Get creative this Upcycle Day! Make a bottle cap letter matching game, use string or yarn to create letters, or have your child make a DIY accordion book.	<b>25 Stories</b> Open a picture book to a random page and cover up the words. Have your child tell you a story based on the picture on the page.	<b>26 Sounds</b> While listening to you read a story, have your child raise her hand every time she hears a certain beginning sound.	<b>27 Play</b> Ask your child for ideas to create a personalized game of bingo. These can be playful (like "blow bubbles") or helpful (like "pick up toys together").	<b>28 Science</b> During Zoo and Aquarium Month, use small animal figurines and paint to help your child create different animal tracks on paper.
<b>29 Reading</b> Read poems together. For rhyming poems, pause before the last word and have your child guess what word fits.	<b>30 Stories</b> It's Great Outdoors Month! Read stories with animal characters or a wilderness setting together.			<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.</p> <p><b>June 2025</b></p> <p>© Demco, Inc.</p>		

## Log Those Books!

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